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Language Function:
Grammar focus:

talking about the past
past perfect simple

STUDENT WORKSHEET

Quick Fix 7 – 'past perfect simple'

The **past perfect simple** consists of two elements: **HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE** (done, gone, seen, finished etc). We use this tense whenever we want to say that something happened before other events expressed in the past simple.

*I could not open the car because I **had forgotten** to take the key.*

TASK 1. Complete the sentences using the words in brackets. You will need to add articles, prepositions etc.



1. Louise wasn't hungry because she **had had a big lunch at a vegetarian restaurant downtown.**
(have / big lunch / vegetarian restaurant downtown)
2. I didn't know who she was because I **hadn't met her before.**
(not meet / she / before)

3. The police arrived because somebody **had robbed the local bank.**
(rob / local bank)



4. John couldn't come to the classes yesterday because he **had broken his leg in a skiing accident.**
(break / his leg / skiing accident)

5. Laura didn't want to go to the cinema because she **had seen the film before.**
(see / the film / before)

TASK 2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in the past perfect or the past simple tense.

1. Unfortunately, when we arrived at Samanta's birthday party, all the guests **had gone** home so we did not meet anybody. (go)
2. I didn't take a map with me so obviously I **got lost** in London. (get lost)
3. I was really surprised when I heard that Steven **had failed** his exams. (fail)
4. Marvin returned to his home town after 15 years and he could not believe how much it **had changed.** (change)
5. I did not get any reply to my email so I **decided** to phone them. (decide)
6. I drank too much at the party and that's why I **had** this terrible hangover the next day. (have)
7. I woke up almost half an hour late because I **had forgotten** to set my alarm clock. (forget)

